

ROME

HOLY YEAR ENDS

His Holiness the Pope arrives at St. Peter's for the closing rite of a most successful Holy Year. Twelve months ago, to mark the opening of Holy Year, the Pope opened the Holy Door which for 25 years had been sealed. Today he is the last to enter through it as a year ago he was the first.

In the Basilica the Pope receives the obeisance of the cardinals. During Holy Year four million people have made the pilgrimage to Rome.

Now the Pope passes out through the Holy Door for the last time. Behind him the door will once again be sealed for 25 years. First His Holiness blesses the materials and instruments to be used.

Now symbolically the Pope lays three gilded bricks. When the wall is completed, set in it will be a casket containing documents and mementoes. Finally a canvas replica of the Holy Door is placed in position and Holy Year is ended.